

Direct
electioneering by
Sinclair
Broadcasting by
forcing their
stations to air a
scurrilous, false,
and misleading
so-called
documentary about
John Kerry
immediately before
the November
elections violates
the principle of FCC
licensees
requirement to act
in the public's
interest. It also
likely violates
federal election
law.

The FCC should take
a stand against the
blatant misuse of
the public's
airways. If the
FCC cannot see its
way clear to halt
this scandalous
misuse, it should at
the very least
require that a more
balanced
documentary, "Up
River" be broadcast
in immediate
proximity before the
hijacking of the
public airways by
the pirates of
Sinclair
Broadcasting.

It should be clear
now to the
Commission why we
need to strengthen
media ownership
rules, not weaken
them. The license
renewal process
needs to be
tightened up. No
more blanket
approvals of
licenses no matter
what the performance
of those who borrow
the public airways.